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# 2023 PARTNERS

Thank you to our 2023 Partners for their support throughout the year.

## PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

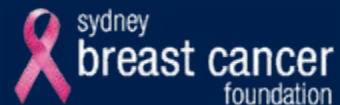
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## PLATINUM PARTNERS



# MAJOR PARTNERS



# OFFICIAL PARTNERS



# OFFICIAL SUPPLIER



# OFFICE BEARERS

## **President**

Al Baxter (resigned 30/6/23)

Matthew Burke (appointed 1/7/23)

## **Vice President**

Matthew Burke (resigned 1/7/23)

Vacant

## **Patron**

The Hon Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

## **Chief Executive Officer**

Paul Doorn

## **NSW Rugby Union Board of Directors**

Anthony Crawford (Chair)

John Morrison (Deputy Chair)

Sally Fielke

Philip Garling AM

David Harrison

Richard Harry

Andrew Hutton

Warwick Negus

Katrina Rathie

Luke Stephen

Mark Green (Company Secretary)

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dick Byers OAM

Dr Myles Coolican

Peter Crittle AO

Mark Ella AM

Peter Falk OAM

Peter Fenton OAM

Tim Gavin

Dr Sharron Flahive

John Freedman OAM

Ron Graham AM

Phil Harry AM

Richard (Dick) Hart

Laurie Maher OAM

Richard (Dick) Shaw (passed away 21/12/23)

Dr John Quick

Robin Timmins OAM (passed away 5/8/23)

# NSW RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2023 NSW Rugby Union (NSWRU) Annual Report. It is my pleasure to present this Annual Report, my third as the Chairman of the NSWRU Board.

The NSWRU Board acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to land, sea and culture. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to their elders past, present and emerging.

Following the Wallabies performance at the 2023 Rugby World Cup, you would have heard and read a lot about the concept of centralisation, an initiative from Rugby Australia to align the five Super Rugby clubs in a collaborative way, to improve the standards and success of rugby at all levels of the game. I am pleased to report that NSW Rugby and Rugby Australia (RA) have worked in collaboration to agree a new fully-integrated model for the delivery of professional rugby. This includes a new contracting model for players through to improving our pathways and player development programs.

NSW Rugby is taking the lead in delivering this new model for Rugby in Australia. We are working with RA as part of the strategy to unite and act collectively to create a vision for the game and build a new structure that will deliver improved results both on and off the field. Driving this initiative is the goal of delivering long-term success for our men's and women's teams at Super Rugby level and to produce high quality players that can contribute to the success of our national sides.

NSW Rugby is also dealing with a very real financial challenge. The increasing costs of professional rugby against diminishing returns from commercial activities, plus reduced funding from RA means that we've had to make clear decisions, focusing on what has to happen for the good of the game.



From 1 January 2024, a new Board was created for the NSW Waratahs with directors appointed by RA and NSW Rugby, with this joint governance model supporting the coordination and cohesion of professional rugby in NSW. RA will fund 100% of the NSW Waratahs programs.

This new model will maximise the benefits from coordinating high-performance programs and implementing strategies and initiatives to drive improved results for professional rugby both on and off the field. The new model recognises that the Waratahs knowledge, expertise and experience in our own local market, with members, sponsors, the stadium, will be vital in working with RA in supporting the national program.

We believe this reform is in the best interest of NSW Rugby, the NSW Waratahs and rugby in Australia.

The shared governance and high performance model and NSW Rugby's willingness to work collaboratively with all Unions will achieve the success that will drive the positive change in rugby that is long overdue.

The integrated approach still allows for local delivery and will maintain the proud history of NSW Rugby and the Waratahs which is critically important as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary in 2024. Assets such as the \$20m high performance centre 'NSW Rugby HQ' which opened in 2022 and the NSW Waratahs trademarks and the intellectual property will remain under the ownership of NSW Rugby.

The NSW Rugby Union Board will stay in place and will continue to take full responsibility for the community game and for delivering programs to grow the game, to attract more participants, to improve pathways and create an environment for more people to become involved in rugby.

In prioritising the community game, NSW Rugby will be able to focus all of its resources into supporting the game, players, coaches, officials and volunteers. On that front, as you will read in this report, considerable progress has been made, including additional media and promotion, technology development, streaming and fundraising opportunities via Government and donors.

My congratulations to Mark Ella AM and Dr Myles Coolican who were inducted as Life Members at last year's AGM. Al Baxter was appointed at last year's AGM for his second term as President but due to work commitments resigned in July. Al had the rare distinction of being on the Board during and subsequent to his playing career initially as the RUPA Representative and later as a Director, Vice President and President, as well as being a member of the High Performance Committee. He was instrumental on the Project Control Group for building the Centre of Excellence at Daceyville. A wonderful career on and off the field. Thank you Al.

Sadly, we saw the passing of two Honorary Life Members - Ms Robin Timmins OAM and Mr Richard "Dick" Shaw. Both individuals' service and contribution to the game of rugby in NSW was immense and they will be sorely missed. Our Oldest Waratah Eric Tweedale (13 caps 1946-50) and distinguished Wallaby and Waratah Rob Hemming (16 caps 1958-66) passed away during the year. Our sincere condolences to their families.

Navigating the structural changes that I have touched upon would not have been possible without a loyal and dedicated executive team so ably lead by our CEO Paul Doorn, or the commitment of my fellow board members. Thank you all for your continued support in navigating what has been a challenging year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank retiring NSWRU Board Directors Katrina Rathie, who retired on 31 December 2023 (Member Jan 2020 – Dec 2023), as well as Richard Harry and David Harrison who will retire from the Board at the AGM (Jan 2020 – April 2024). Our Deputy Chair John Morrison, recently has advised he will also retire at the AGM. This is John's 9th season on the Board as the Suburban Rugby Appointed Director. Thank you all for your considerable contribution to the good governance of NSW Rugby.



**Tony Crawford**  
Chairman  
NSW Rugby



Photo: NSW Rugby

# NSW RUGBY CEO'S REPORT

It's been a very busy year for all involved and I would like to particularly take this opportunity to acknowledge the thousands of volunteers, club administrators as well as officials and referees, who dedicate so much of their time to ensuring rugby can be enjoyed by all. From the mums and dads who put their hand up at their club to support junior rugby, to the club volunteers who ensure our grounds are ready for competitions, through to the countless other individuals who take on roles that make rugby a true community and family sport. On behalf of NSW Rugby, thank you.

With the support of these volunteers, officials, our Affiliates, sponsors, partners and finally a break in the weather (2023 gave us our first full year without any COVID or extreme wet weather interruptions or restrictions), we continued to invest and support initiatives to grow the game in NSW and as a result:

- ▶ Traditional Club XV player numbers increased from 2022 to 2023.
- ▶ Our Club participation numbers almost returned to pre-COVID levels.
- ▶ Regular school XVs rugby participation remained steady.
- ▶ Female participation continued to grow with numbers increasing across all levels and across all formats at club and school.
- ▶ The five-week Get into Rugby Program saw a 27% increase with 8,147 school students having participated in the program.
- ▶ Regular school 7s competitions more than doubled to 4,186 participants reaching a record high with new Catholic Secondary School competitions attracting over 1,500 players.
- ▶ Our coaching and refereeing numbers increased with over 3,100 accredited coaches and almost 900 referees across the state supported by more than 80 coach and match official courses being held throughout NSW.
- ▶ NSW Rugby digital following increased by 20%.
- ▶ On NSW Rugby TV over 1,600 games were streamed across NSW including Sydney Rugby Union, NSW Suburban, Country Championships and club matches, Junior Championships and representatives fixtures, Schools and Women's matches.

Whilst winning at the highest levels is important for fan engagement and



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commercial outcomes – a key feature of the NSW Rugby Strategic Plan (“to be the leading provincial rugby organisation in the world”) involves growing the number of people playing and enjoying the game of rugby. A key element of this engagement between the professional game and ‘grassroots’ rugby is the interaction between players and fans – this includes after matches, as well as school and club visits and corporate events.

In 2023, representatives from the Waratahs women's team undertook 214 hours and our men's team 600 hours of community rugby appearances. This level of engagement flowed into other areas as well. With the return to the new Sydney Football Stadium, the Waratahs hosted our largest crowd since 2016 in the Round 1 match up against the Brumbies. This was also the largest crowd across the entire regular Super Rugby Pacific competition in 2023 and we also had the largest average crowd attendance across Australian Super Rugby Pacific clubs.

When you compare Waratah games in 2023 with 2022:

- Attendance was up 106%
- Ticket sales up 41%
- Memberships up 36%
- Membership revenue up 97%
- Year on year growth continued across our social media channels, and by year's end we had over 360,000 followers.

Despite these revenue-driving initiatives, after a four-year absence from the Sydney Football Stadium while the new stadium was being constructed, the sources of income for membership, gate takings from home games, and sponsorship revenue in 2023 were lower than expected. Lower home game attendance and a poor win/loss record challenged our income sources. Broadcast revenue distributed to the Super Rugby Clubs via Rugby Australia also declined. In addition, fixed costs remained for players, coaches and the high-performance program. This imbalance has been a significant contributor to financial stress for all Australian Super Rugby Clubs, including the Waratahs.

As a result of these financial pressures, NSW Rugby will record a deficit in 2023 of \$4.8m.

As outlined in the Chairman's Report, NSW Rugby and Rugby Australia have reached an agreement to transfer the responsibility for the NSW Waratahs professional rugby business from NSW Rugby to Rugby Australia from 1 January 2024. From that date, Rugby Australia takes responsibility for the Waratahs' assets and liabilities, and commercial arrangements. Assets such as NSW Rugby's HQ and high-performance centre at Daceyville in Sydney will remain under the ownership of NSW Rugby as will the Waratahs trademarks which NSW Rugby will licence to the Waratahs entities.

NSW Rugby will continue to take full responsibility for the community game, which of course includes delivering programs to grow the game, to attract more participants, to improve pathways and to create an environment for more people to become involved in rugby.

I want to pay tribute to the NSW Rugby Board, our Affiliates, staff, players, officials, volunteers and fans who continue to support and grow the game. Each one makes a meaningful impact in our community and beyond. Thank you also to outgoing Super W Head Coach Campbell Aikten. Campbell's five-year contribution to women's rugby in our organisation has been nothing short of remarkable. We extend our heartfelt thanks to him for his dedication and wish him the very best in his future endeavours.



**Paul Doorn**  
CEO  
NSW Rugby



Photo: Karen Watson



# RUGBY REPORTS





# WARATAHS MEN'S REPORT

After four years of travelling NSW for home games, the NSW Waratahs returned to Allianz Stadium in 2023. The opening game against the ACT Brumbies boasted attendance of 25,076 which was the biggest crowd of the entire Super Rugby 2023 season.

Despite falling short to the ACT Brumbies in Round 1, the Waratahs showed hopeful signs of what was to come for the remainder of the season. In his debut, Max Jorgensen sent warning signs to the rest of the competition displaying impressive ball skills and scoring two tries.

The son of Peter Jorgenson, Max and his father join an exclusive and esteemed father/son group of NSW Waratahs players. Following an outstanding season, Max was named the winner of the Chris Whitaker Aspiring Medal and a member of the Wallabies Rugby World Cup Squad.

The NSW Waratahs had an impressive sixteen debutants throughout the 2023 season with Fijian-Australian Nemani Nadolo amongst the most notable. Nadolo made a name for himself in the 2014 Super Rugby season as the top try scorer and is known for his size and speed. Unfortunately back-to-back injuries sidelined Nadolo for much of the 2023 season.

Across the season several players stood out for their individual performances with 10 named in the Bledisloe Cup squad to take on New Zealand and seven named in the Wallabies squad for the 2023 Rugby World Cup.

In his last season at the Waratahs, Michael Hooper was awarded the Matthew Burke Cup for a record eighth time. Hooper's outstanding form also saw him voted player of the year by his peers and he finished with 65 matches as captain, which is more than any other NSW captain.

The NSW Waratahs ultimately finished the season in sixth place matching their result from 2022. In their quarter-final against the Auckland Blues, the Waratahs were missing their captain Jake Gordon who was unavailable to help his team advance further into the finals due to injury. For the fourth year in a row, Gordon took home the men's best back award at the 2023 Season Awards night.

The Super Rugby Pacific trophy was again taken home by the Crusaders who defeated the Chiefs in a close final with only five points separating them at full-time.



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## MATCH I V ACT BRUMBIES

FRIDAY 24.2.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

## NSW WARATAHS 25

M Jorgensen 2, J Gordon tries; T Edmed 2 goals, 2 pen.goals

## ACT BRUMBIES 31

R Loneragan, A Muirhead, C Toole tries; R Loneragan goal, 3 pen.goals; N Lolesio goal, pen.goal

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Ben Donaldson	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Max Jorgensen* **	2 tries
10. Tane Edmed	2 goals, 2 pen.goals
9. Jake Gordon ©	try

### RESERVES

- 17. Tom Lambert\* \*\* for Bell after 21 mins
- 18. Te Tera Faulkner for Holz at half-time
- 20. Langi Gleeson for Swinton after 46 mins
- 19. Hugh Sinclair for Seu after 46 mins
- 21. Will Harris for Gamble after 57 mins
- 23. Nemani Nadolo\* \*\* for Perese after 57 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 57 mins
- 22. Harrison Goddard Not Used

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Nic Berry

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Charlie Gamble	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Taleni Seu* **	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Archer Holz	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Angus Bell	

Crowd: 25,076



## MATCH 2 V FIJIAN DRUA

SATURDAY 4.3.2023 AT AAMI PARK, MELBOURNE

## NSW WARATAHS 46

D Porecki, B Donaldson, L Gleeson, T Edmed, M Jorgensen, M Nawaqanitawase tries; T Edmed 5 goals, pen.goal; B Donaldson pen.goal

## FIJIAN DRUA 17

J Tamani, T Ikanivere tries; C Muntz 2 goals, pen.goal

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Ben Donaldson	try, pen.goal
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	try
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Max Jorgensen	try
10. Tane Edmed	try, 5 goals, pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 17. Te Tera Faulkner for Holz at half-time
- 21. Charlie Gamble for Swinton after 55 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Porecki after 55 mins
- 19. Taleni Seu for Sinclair after 55 mins
- 20. Will Harris for Gleeson after 65 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha\* \*\* for Lambert after 69 mins
- 23. Ben Dowling\* \*\* for Edmed after 69 mins
- 22. Harrison Goddard\* \*\* for Gordon after 69 mins

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Jordan Way

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	try
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Archer Holz	
2. Dave Porecki	try
1. Tom Lambert	

Crowd: 11,118



## MATCH 3 V MELBOURNE REBELS

FRIDAY 10.3.2023 AT AAMI PARK, MELBOURNE

## NSW WARATAHS 27

M Nawaqanitawase, C Gamble, T Seu tries; T Edmed 3 goals, 2 pen.goals

## MELBOURNE REBELS 34

R Hodge, L Anderson, R Hardwick, M Gibbon, C Gordon tries; R Hodge 3 goals, pen.goal

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Ben Donaldson	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	try
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Nemani Nadolo	
10. Tane Edmed	3 goals, 2 pen.goals
9. Jake Gordon ©	

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Archer Holz	
2. Mahe Vailanu	
1. Tom Lambert	
Res: 21. Charlie Gamble	try
Res: 19. Taleni Seu	try

### RESERVES

- 19. Taleni Seu for Sinclair after 37 mins
- 18. Harry Johnson-Holmes for Holz at half-time
- 21. Charlie Gamble for Swinton after 47 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Vailanu after 56 mins
- 23. Ben Dowling for Nadolo after 62 mins
- 20. Will Harris for Gleeson after 66 mins
- 17. Sateki Latu\* \*\* for Lambert after 73 mins
- 22. Teddy Wilson for Gordon after 73 mins
- 9. Jake Gordon for Wilson after 74 mins (HIA)

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Angus Gardner

Crowd: 3,304



## MATCH 4 V HURRICANES

FRIDAY 17.3.2023 AT SKY STADIUM, WELLINGTON

## NSW WARATAHS 17

N Nadolo, M Jorgensen, L Gleeson tries; B Donaldson goal

## HURRICANES 34

C Roigard 2, K Naholo 2, D Coles tries; J Barrett 3 goals, pen.goal

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	try
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Nemani Nadolo	try
10. Ben Donaldson	goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 20. Will Harris for Charlie Gamble after 18 mins
- 23. Mosese Tuipulotu\* \*\* for Foketi at half-time
- 18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 59 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Vailanu after 59 mins
- 19. Lachlan Swinton for Hanigan after 59 mins
- 22. Tane Edmed for Nadolo after 61 mins
- 21. Harrison Goddard for Gordon after 66 mins
- 17. Sateki Latu for Lambert after 66 mins

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Brendon Pickerill

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	try
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Charlie Gamble	
5. Taleni Seu	
4. Ned Hanigan	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Mahe Vailanu	
1. Tom Lambert	

Crowd: 6,341



## MATCH 5 V CHIEFS

FRIDAY 24.3.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

# NSW WARATAHS 14

J Gordon, M Hooper tries; B Donaldson 2 goals

# CHIEFS 24

E Narawa 2, B Gatland tries; D McKenzie 3 goals, pen.goal

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Ben Dowling	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Joey Walton	
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	2 goals
9. Jake Gordon ©	try

### RESERVES

- 17. Tom Lambert for Faulkner after 46 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 51 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Porecki after 51 mins
- 19. Taleni Seu for Swinton after 55 mins
- 23. Nemani Nadolo for Pietsch after 65 mins
- 22. Harry Wilson\* \*\* for Dowling after 65 mins
- 21. Harrison Goddard for Gordon after 76 mins
- 20. Zac Von Appen\* \*\* for Hanigan after 76 mins

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Jordan Way

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Will Harris	
7. Michael Hooper	try
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Ned Hanigan	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Te Tera Faulkner	

Crowd: 14,046



## MATCH 6 V ACT BRUMBIES

SATURDAY 1.4.2023 AT GIO STADIUM, CANBERRA

## NSW WARATAHS 36

D Pietsch, D Porecki, J Holloway, L Foketi, M Nawaqanitawase tries; B Donaldson 4 goals, pen.goal

## ACT BRUMBIES 40

J Slipper 2, L Ikitau, P Samu, L Lonergan, C Toole tries; N Lolesio 3 goals; R Lonergan 2 goals

### PLAYER

### TALLY

15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	try
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	try
11. Dylan Pietsch	try
10. Ben Donaldson	4 goals, pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 3. Harry Johnson-Holmes sin-bin after 27 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Seu after 27 mins (Johnson-Holmes in sin-bin)
- 18. Daniel Botha sin-bin after 29 mins
- 17. Tom Lambert for Jorgensen after 33 mins (front row protocol)
- 17. Tom Lambert for Faulkner at half-time
- 7. Michael Hooper sin-bin after 64 mins
- 22. Joey Walton for Foketi after 65 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 75 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Porecki after 78 mins
- 20. Hunter Ward\* \*\* for Harris after 78 mins
- 19. Zac Von Appen Not Used
- 21. Harrison Goddard Not Used
- 23. Harry Wilson Not Used

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Nic Berry

### PLAYER

### TALLY

8. Will Harris	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Taleni Seu	
5. Ned Hanigan	
4. Jed Holloway	try
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	try
1. Te Tera Faulkner	

Crowd: 10,575





## MATCH 7 V WESTERN FORCE

SATURDAY 15.4.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

### NSW WARATAHS 36

I Perese 2, M Nawaqanitawase, J Gordon, H Johnson-Holmes tries; B Donaldson 4 goals, pen.goal

### WESTERN FORCE 16

M Mataele, Z Kibirige tries; J Strachan 2 pen.goals

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	try
13. Izaia Perese	2 tries
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	4 goals, pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	try

#### RESERVES

- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 28 mins
- 20. Will Harris for Hanigan after 53 mins
- 20. Will Harris sin-bin after 59 mins
- 17. Te Tera Faulkner for Johnson-Holmes after 60 mins
- 22. Joey Walton for Pietsch after 66 mins
- 21. Teddy Wilson for Gordon after 66 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Lambert after 71 mins
- 19. Zac Von Appen for Swinton after 71 mins
- 23. Harry Wilson for Jorgensen after 76 mins

Referee: Angus Gardner

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Taleni Seu	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Ned Hanigan	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	try
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Tom Lambert	

Crowd: 10,157



## MATCH 8 V BLUES

SATURDAY 22.4.2023 AT EDEN PARK, AUCKLAND

## NSW WARATAHS 21

M Vailanu, D Pietsch, T Wilson tries; B Donaldson 2 goals; J Bowen goal

## BLUES 55

R Riccitelli 2, Z Sullivan 2, C Clarke, S Darry, C Suafoa tries; S Perofeta goal, 2 pen.goals; B Barrett 6 goals

### PLAYER

### TALLY

15. Harry Wilson  
14. Max Jorgensen  
13. Izaia Perese  
12. Joey Walton  
11. Dylan Pietsch  
10. Ben Donaldson  
9. Jake Gordon ©

try

### PLAYER

### TALLY

8. Will Harris  
7. Hunter Ward  
6. Taleni Seu  
5. Zac Von Appen  
4. Jed Holloway  
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes  
2. Mahe Vailanu  
1. Tom Lambert  
Res: 21. Teddy Wilson  
Res: 22. Jack Bowen

try

try

goal

### RESERVES

18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 25 mins (HIA)  
2. Mahe Vailanu sin-bin after 36 mins  
16. Tolu Latu for Von Appen after 36 mins (Vailanu in sin-bin)  
17. Nephi Leatigaga\* \*\* for Lambert after 45 mins  
24. Ben Dowling for Harry Wilson after 51 mins  
18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 56 mins  
21. Teddy Wilson for Gordon after 56 mins  
19. Michael Icely\* \*\* for Seu after 58 mins  
22. Jack Bowen\* \*\* for Donaldson after 64 mins  
16. Tolu Latu for Vailanu after 64 mins  
20. Charlie Gamble for Holloway after 73 mins

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Paul Williams

Crowd: 11,499



## MATCH 9 V HIGHLANDERS

FRIDAY 28.4.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

## NSW WARATAHS 21

I Perese, L Foketi, M Vailanu tries; B Donaldson 3 goals

## HIGHLANDERS 20

H Renton, A Smith tries; S Gilbert 2 goals, 2 pen.goals

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Izaia Perese	try
12. Lalakai Foketi	try
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	3 goals
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 19. Will Harris for Gleeson at half-time
- 17. Nephi Leatigaga for Faulkner after 51 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 60 mins
- 20. Charlie Gamble for Sinclair after 60 mins
- 12. Lalakai Foketi sin-bin after 61 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 66 mins
- 21. Harrison Goddard Not Used
- 22. Joey Walton Not Used
- 23. Mosese Tuipulotu Not Used

Referee: Damon Murphy

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Taleni Seu	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Te Tera Faulkner	
Res: 16. Mahe Vailanu	try

Crowd: 10,351



## MATCH 10 V QUEENSLAND

SATURDAY 6.5.2023 AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM, TOWNSVILLE

## NSW WARATAHS 32

D Porecki, T Seu, L Foketi, H Johnson-Holmes tries; B Donaldson 3 goals, 2 pen.goals

## QUEENSLAND 24

M Faessler, S Vunivalu, P Ravai tries; L Creighton 3 goals, pen.goal

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Lalakai Foketi	try
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	3 goals, 2 pen.goals
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 20. Charlie Gamble for Seu at half-time
- 17. Nephi Leatigaga for Faulkner after 48 mins
- 18. Daniel Botha for Johnson-Holmes after 62 mins
- 19. Will Harris for Gleeson after 62 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 67 mins
- 23. Joey Walton for Perese after 70 mins
- 21. Harrison Goddard for Gordon after 76 mins
- 22. Harry Wilson for Jorgensen after 77 mins

Referee: Angus Gardner

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Taleni Seu	try
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	try
2. Dave Porecki	try
1. Te Tera Faulkner	

Crowd: 5,942



## MATCH 11 V MELBOURNE REBELS

SATURDAY 13.5.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

### NSW WARATAHS 38

2 penalty tries; J Gordon, M Nawaqanitawase, I Perese tries; B Donaldson 3 goals, pen.goal

### MELBOURNE REBELS 20

R Hodge, M loane tries; R Hodge 2 goals, 2 pen.goals

#### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	try
13. Izaia Perese	try
12. Lalakai Foketi	
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	3 goals, pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	try (2 penalty tries)

#### RESERVES

- 23. Joey Walton for Foketi after 31 mins
- 20. Charlie Gamble for Harris after 60 mins
- 17. Nephi Leatigaga for Faulkner after 60 mins
- 18. Archer Holz for Johnson-Holmes after 64 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 64 mins
- 19. Ola Tuelangi\* \*\* for Gleeson after 75 mins
- 22. Harry Wilson for Jorgensen after 75 mins
- 21. Teddy Wilson for Gordon after 75 mins

\*NSW State Debut

\*\*NSW Waratahs Super Rugby Debut

Referee: Damon Murphy

#### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Will Harris	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Te Tera Faulkner	

#### TALLY

Crowd: 10,322



## MATCH 12 V FIJIAN DRUA

SATURDAY 20.5.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

## NSW WARATAHS 32

M Nawaqanitawase 2, D Pietsch, L Gleeson, M Vailanu tries; B Donaldson 2 goals, pen.goal

## FIJIAN DRUA 18

T Ikanivere, J Tamani tries; C Muntz 2 pen.goals; K Valetini goal

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	2 tries
13. Izaia Perese	
12. Joey Walton	
11. Dylan Pietsch	try
10. Ben Donaldson	2 goals, pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	

### RESERVES

- 20. Charlie Gamble for Harris after 56 mins
- 19. Ned Hanigan for Sinclair after 56 mins
- 17. Nephi Leatigaga for Faulkner after 56 mins
- 22. Mosese Tuipulotu for Perese after 56 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 56 mins
- 18. Archer Holz for Johnson-Holmes after 67 mins
- 23. Harry Wilson for Gleeson after 74 mins
- 21. Teddy Wilson for Gordon after 77 mins

Referee: Ben O'Keefe

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	try
7. Michael Hooper	
6. Will Harris	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Te Tera Faulkner	
Res: 16. Mahe Vailanu	try

Crowd: 14,562



## MATCH 13 V CRUSADERS

SATURDAY 27.5.2023 AT ORANGETHEORY STADIUM, CHRISTCHURCH

## NSW WARATAHS 18

J Gordon, D Pietsch, N Leatigaga tries; B Donaldson pen.goal

## CRUSADERS 42

D Havili, C Taylor, M Drummond, R Mo'unga, F Burke, S Havili-Talitui tries; R Mo'unga 6 goals

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Max Jorgensen	
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase	
13. Joey Walton	
12. Mosese Tuipulotu	
11. Dylan Pietsch	try
10. Ben Donaldson	pen.goal
9. Jake Gordon ©	try

### RESERVES

- 23. Harry Wilson for Jorgensen after 9 mins
- 13. Joey Walton sin-bin after 34 mins
- 17. Tom Lambert for Faulkner after 44 mins
- 19. Ned Hanigan for Holloway after 45 mins
- 21. Harrison Goddard for Gordon after 57 mins
- 20. Will Harris for Seu after 57 mins
- 18. Nephi Leatigaga for Johnson-Holmes after 57 mins
- 16. Mahe Vailanu for Porecki after 57 mins
- 22. Tane Edmed for Donaldson after 60 mins

Referee: James Doleman

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Langi Gleeson	
7. Charlie Gamble	
6. Taleni Seu	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Jed Holloway	
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Dave Porecki	
1. Te Tera Faulkner	
Res: 18. Nephi Leatigaga	try

Crowd: 10,813



## MATCH 14 V MOANA PASIFIKA

SATURDAY 3.6.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

### NSW WARATAHS 24

M Nawaqamitawase, N Hanigan, T Latu, M Hooper tries; B Donaldson 2 goals

### MOANA PASIFIKA 33

T Tavatavanawai 2, M Fai'ilagi 2, C Leali'ifano tries; C Leali'ifano 4 goals

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Mark Nawaqamitawase	try
14. Izaia Perese	
13. Joey Walton	
12. Mosese Tuipulotu	
11. Dylan Pietsch	
10. Ben Donaldson	2 goals
9. Harrison Goddard	

#### RESERVES

- 17. Tom Lambert for Leatigaga after 32 mins
- 18. Archer Holz for Johnson-Holmes after 45 mins
- 19. Charlie Gamble for Swinton after 52 mins
- 20. Langi Gleeson for Seu after 52 mins
- 16. Tolu Latu for Vailanu after 52 mins
- 21. Jake Gordon for Goddard after 58 mins
- 23. Harry Wilson for Perese after 58 mins
- 9. Harrison Goddard for Gordon after 62 mins
- 22. Tane Edmed for Tuipulotu after 67 mins

Referee: Graham Cooper

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Taleni Seu	
7. Michael Hooper ©	try
6. Lachlan Swinton	
5. Hugh Sinclair	
4. Ned Hanigan	try
3. Harry Johnson-Holmes	
2. Mahe Vailanu	
1. Nephi Leatigaga	
Res: 16. Tolu Latu	try

Crowd: 19,219





# MATCH 15 V BLUES (SUPER RUGBY PACIFIC QUARTER FINAL)

FRIDAY 9.6.2023 AT EDEN PARK, AUCKLAND

## NSW WARATAHS 12

N Hanigan, D Pietsch tries; T Edmed goal

## BLUES 41

F Christie, N Laulala, R Riccitelli, Z Sullivan, M Telea tries; B Barrett 4 goals, pen.goal; H Plummer goal, pen.goal

### PLAYER

15. Ben Donaldson  
14. Mark Nawaqanitawase  
13. Izaia Perese  
12. Joey Walton  
11. Dylan Pietsch  
10. Tane Edmed  
9. Harrison Goddard

### TALLY

try  
goal

### RESERVES

23. Lalakai Foketi for Perese at half-time  
19. Taleni Seu for Gleeson after 46 mins  
16. Tolu Latu for Porecki after 49 mins (HIA)  
18. Daniel Botha for Leatigaga after 54 mins  
21. Charlie Gamble for Swinton after 54 mins  
17. Tom Lambert for Faulkner after 54 mins  
6. Lachlan Swinton for Gamble after 64 mins  
22. Teddy Wilson for Goddard after 64 mins  
20. Hugh Sinclair for Holloway after 67 mins

Referee: Ben O'Keefe

### PLAYER

8. Langi Gleeson  
7. Michael Hooper ©  
6. Lachlan Swinton  
5. Ned Hanigan  
4. Jed Holloway  
3. Nephi Leatigaga  
2. Dave Porecki  
1. Te Tera Faulkner

### TALLY

try

Crowd: 12,941

# 2023 NSW WARATAHS AWARDS & MILESTONES

## CHRIS WHITAKER ASPIRING WARATAH MEDAL

Max Jorgensen

## NSW WARATAHS BEST FORWARD

Dave Porecki

## NSW WARATAHS BEST BACK

Jake Gordon

## MATTHEW BURKE CUP WINNER

Michael Hooper



Photo: NSW Rugby

## Debutants

- #1714 Max Jorgensen v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)
- #1715 Taleni Seu v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)
- #1716 Tom Lambert v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)
- #1717 Nemani Nadolo v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)
- #1718 Daniel Botha v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)
- #1719 Ben Dowling v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)
- #1720 Harrison Goddard v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)
- #1721 Sateki Latu v Melbourne Rebels (AAMI Park)
- #1722 Mosese Tuipulotu v Hurricanes (Sky Stadium)
- #1723 Harry Wilson v Chiefs (Allianz Stadium)
- #1724 Zac Von Appen v Chiefs (Allianz Stadium)
- #1725 Hunter Ward v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)
- #1726 Nephi Leatigaga v Blues (Eden Park)
- #1727 Michael Icely v Blues (Eden Park)
- #1728 Jack Bowen v Blues (Eden Park)
- #1729 Ola Tavelangi v Melbourne Rebels (Allianz Stadium)

## All-time Records

### 50 NSW Points

- Harry Johnson-Holmes v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)
- Ned Hanigan v Blues (Eden Park – Quarter Final)
- Dylan Pietsch v Blues (Eden Park – Quarter Final)

### 100 NSW Points

- Tane Edmed v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)
- Ben Donaldson v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)
- Mark Nawaqanitawase v Fijian Drua (Allianz Stadium)



Photo: NSW Rugby

## **Super Rugby Records**

### **15 Waratah Super Rugby Tries**

Mark Nawaqanitawase v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)

### **50 Waratah Super Rugby Points**

Harry Johnson-Holmes v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

Ned Hanigan v Blues (Eden Park – Quarter Final)

Dylan Pietsch v Blues (Eden Park – Quarter Final)

### **100 Waratah Super Rugby Points**

Tane Edmed v Fijian Drua (AAMI Park)

Ben Donaldson v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)

Mark Nawaqanitawase v Fijian Drua (Allianz Stadium)

### **50 Super Rugby Caps**

Taleni Seu v Chiefs (Allianz Stadium) (45 for Chiefs)

Izaia Perese v Moana Pasifika (Allianz Stadium) (17 for Queensland)

### **100 Provincial Caps**

Lalakai Foketi v Blues (Eden Park – Quarter Final) (2 for Melbourne Rebels/30 for Bay Of Plenty)

### **50 Provincial Points**

Taleni Seu v Melbourne Rebels (AAMI Park) (20 for Chiefs/25 for Auckland)

### **Individual All-time Records set in 2023**

Michael Hooper 4th most caps (141)

Michael Hooper most caps as Flanker (141)

Jake Gordon equal 7th most tries (29) with Lote Tuqiri, Rob Horne & Bernard Foley

Michael Hooper most matches as captain (65)

### **Team All-time Records set in 2023**

200 wins v Queensland since 1882

Townsville Stadium 29th individual venue for matches against Queensland since 1882

### **Individual Super Rugby Records set in 2023**

Michael Hooper 4th most caps (141)  
Michael Hooper most caps as Flanker (141)  
Jake Gordon equal 6th most tries (28) with Kurtley Beale  
Michael Hooper 8th most tries (27)  
Ben Donaldson 6th most conversions (44)  
Mark Nawaqanitawase most career tries v Fijian Drua (4)  
Mark Nawaqanitawase most career tries v Moana Pasifika (2)  
Ben Donaldson most career conversions v Moana Pasifika (3)  
Ben Donaldson most career points v Fijian Drua (30)  
Mark Nawaqanitawase most career points v Moana Pasifika (10)  
Tane Edmed most points in a match v Fijian Drua (18)  
Michael Hooper most caps v Melbourne Rebels (17)  
Michael Hooper equal most caps v ACT Brumbies (18) with Kurtley Beale  
Max Jorgensen 2nd youngest on debut (18y 5m 22d) v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)  
Jack Bowen 7th youngest on debut (19y 3m 23d) v Blues (Eden Park)  
Nemani Nadolo 2nd oldest on debut (35y 24d) v ACT Brumbies (Allianz Stadium)  
Michael Hooper most matches as captain (65)

### **Team Super Rugby Records set in 2023**

Highest score v Fijian Drua (46 at AAMI Park)  
Biggest crowd v Fijian Drua (14,562 at Allianz Stadium)  
Biggest crowd v Moana Pasifika (19,219 at Allianz Stadium)



# WARATAHS WOMEN'S REPORT

The NSW Waratahs Women continued to break Super W records in 2023, once again claiming the most regular season wins and boasting the biggest win against both Western Force and Fijian Drua.

The team started the Buildcorp Super W 2023 season in the best possible way remaining undefeated throughout the round games.

This was Fijian Drua's second year in the competition and although the Waratahs defeated them in the round games, our team faced a strong Fijian outfit in the semi-finals and for the first time in the Super W competition, the Waratahs were halted in their pursuit for the championship and did not advance to the Final.

The Buildcorp Super W season began at the newly built Allianz Stadium in front of a home crowd where the Waratahs held the Western Force scoreless. Fielding a younger looking Waratahs team consisting of nine debutants, Ella Ryan shone in her debut scoring four goals for the team. Piper Duck became the youngest NSW captain on record banking two tries to open her season and cement her position as a leader both on and off the field. Maya Stewart scored her 20th try for NSW pushing her above 100 points scored for NSW.

The Waratahs continued to show their dominance during the round games holding off the Rebels and keeping Fijiana to their lowest score of the Super W competition.

In the fourth regular game of the season, the team showed tenacity to overcome Queensland by a single point. It was the closest Super W score of the 2023 competition.

The NSW Waratahs fielded thirteen debutants during the 2023 season. Making her debut in Round 1 at the age of 16 years, six months and six days, Caitlyn Halse was the most notable as she became the youngest men's or women's player to take to the field for NSW.

Piper Duck was voted by the coaching staff as the Waratahs Women Player of the Year.



## MATCH I V WESTERN FORCE WOMEN

FRIDAY 24.3.2023 AT ALLIANZ STADIUM

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 43

P Duck 2, M Stewart, K Barker, A Talakai, M Vella, J Sheridan tries; E Ryan 4 goals

## WESTERN FORCE WOMEN 0

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Caitlyn Halse*	
14. Maya Stewart	try
13. Georgina Friedrichs	
12. Katrina Barker	try
11. Margot Vella	try
10. Ella Ryan*	4 goals
9. Layne Morgan	

### REPLACEMENTS

- 16. Katalina Amosa\* for Talakai at half-time
- 21. Iliseva Batibasaga for Morgan after 48 mins
- 23. Desiree Miller\* for Vella after 48 mins
- 17. Emily Robinson for Hoy after 48 mins
- 22. Jade Sheridan\* for Barker after 55 mins
- 20. Leilani Nathan\* for Sio after 62 mins
- 19. Bronte Wilson\* for Jones after 62 mins
- 18. Georgia Chapple\* for O'Gorman after 70 mins

\*NSW Waratahs Women Super  
W Debut

Referee: Jessica Ling

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Piper Duck ©	2 tries
7. Fi Jones	
6. Grace Hamilton	
5. Rosie Ebbage*	
4. Ana-Lise Sio	
3. Bridie O'Gorman	
2. Adiana Talakai	try
1. Brianna Hoy	
Res: 22. Jade Sheridan	try



## MATCH 2 V ACT BRUMBIES WOMEN

SATURDAY 1.4.2023 AT GIO STADIUM, CANBERRA

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 24

M Stewart 2, E Ryan, C Halse tries; E Ryan goal; C Meltzer goal

## ACT BRUMBIES WOMEN 13

T Naden try; A Bishop goal, 2 pen.goals

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Caitlyn Halse	try
14. Maya Stewart	2 tries
13. Georgina Friedrichs	
12. Katrina Barker	
11. Desiree Miller	
10. Ella Ryan	try, goal
9. Layne Morgan	

### RESERVES

- 22. Claudia Meltzer\* for Ryan after 47 mins (HIA)
- 16. Brittany Merlo\* for Amosa after 54 mins
- 17. Emily Robinson for Hoy after 54 mins
- 21. Tatum Bird for Morgan after 61 mins
- 18. Eva Karpani for O'Gorman after 61 mins
- 19. Ana-Lise Sio for Ebbage after 61 mins
- 20. Bronte Wilson for Nathan after 68 mins
- 22. Claudia Meltzer for Ryan after 69 mins
- 23. Jacinta Windsor\* for Miller after 69 mins

\*NSW Waratahs Women Super  
W Debut

Referee: Jessica Ling

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Piper Duck ©	
7. Fi Jones	
6. Grace Hamilton	
5. Rosie Ebbage	
4. Leilani Nathan	
3. Bridie O'Gorman	
2. Katalina Amosa	
1. Brianna Hoy	
Res: 22. Claudia Meltzer	goal





## MATCH 3 V FIJIANA DRUA

SATURDAY 11.4.2023 AT CONCORD OVAL

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 31

L Morgan 2, D Miller, K Amosa, J Sheridan tries; D Miller 3 goals

## FIJIANA DRUA WOMEN 5

L Tinai try

### PLAYER

15. Caitlyn Halse  
14. Maya Stewart  
13. Jade Sheridan  
12. Katrina Barker  
11. Desiree Miller  
10. Ella Ryan  
9. Layne Morgan

### TALLY

try  
try, 3 goals  
2 tries

### PLAYER

8. Piper Duck ©  
7. Fi Jones  
6. Grace Hamilton  
5. Rosie Ebbage  
4. Leilani Nathan  
3. Eva Karpani  
2. Adiana Talakai  
1. Emily Robinson  
Res: 16. Katalina Amosa

### TALLY

try

### RESERVES

18. Bridie O'Gorman for Karpani at half-time  
23. Margot Vella for Stewart after 46 mins  
17. Brianna Hoy for Robinson after 51 mins  
16. Katalina Amosa for Talakai after 52 mins  
19. Ana-Lise Sio for Ebbage after 54 mins  
20. Loretta Mailangi for Jones after 57 mins  
22. Claudia Meltzer for Ryan after 60 mins  
21. Iliseva Batibasaga for Morgan after 64 mins

Referee: Tyler Miller



## MATCH 4 V QUEENSLAND WOMEN

SUNDAY 16.4.2023 AT CONCORD OVAL

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 31

D Miller 2, B O'Gorman, G Friedrichs, A Talakai tries; D Miller 3 goals

## QUEENSLAND WOMEN 30

A Codey 2, C Dallinger, S Curtis tries; C Smith 2 goals, 2 pen.goals

### PLAYER

15. Caitlyn Halse  
14. Margot Vella  
13. Georgina Friedrichs  
12. Katrina Barker  
11. Desiree Miller  
10. Ella Ryan  
9. Layne Morgan

### TALLY

try  
2 tries, 3 goals

### RESERVES

18. Eva Karpani for O'Gorman after 50 mins  
3. Bridie O'Gorman for Karpani after 57 mins  
21. Tatum Bird for Morgan after 61 mins  
17. Brianna Hoy for Robinson after 61 mins  
16. Brittany Merlo for Talakai after 63 mins  
19. Sera Naiqama for Ebbage after 63 mins  
20. Bronte Wilson for Mailangi after 63 mins  
22. Claudia Meltzer for Ryan after 71 mins  
23. Jade Sheridan for Miller after 76 mins

Referee: George Myers

### PLAYER

8. Grace Hamilton ©  
7. Leilani Nathan  
6. Loretta Mailangi  
5. Rosie Ebbage  
4. Ana-Lise Sio  
3. Bridie O'Gorman  
2. Adiana Talakai  
1. Emily Robinson

### TALLY

try  
try



## MATCH 5 V MELBOURNE REBELS

FRIDAY 21.4.2023 AT AAMI PARK, MELBOURNE

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 29

K Amosa, G Hamilton, J Windsor, I Batibasaga, M Stewart tries; D Miller 2 goals

## MELBOURNE REBELS WOMEN 0

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
15. Caitlyn Halse	
14. Jacinta Windsor	try
13. Georgina Friedrichs	
12. Ella Ryan	
11. Desiree Miller	2 goals
10. Claudia Meltzer	
9. Tatum Bird	

### RESERVES

- 20. Bronte Wilson for Mailangi at half-time
- 17. Emily Robinson for Hoy after 48 mins
- 23. Maya Stewart for Halse after 48 mins
- 22. Brooke McKinnon\* for Meltzer after 56 mins
- 16. Brittany Merlo for Amosa after 56 mins
- 21. Iliseva Batibasaga for Bird after 61 mins
- 18. Georgia Chapple for O’Gorman after 61 mins
- 19. Rosie Ebbage for Naiqama after 65 mins
- 4. Ana-Lise Sio left the field after 72 mins - No Replacement

\*NSW Waratahs Women Debut

Referee: Sarah Porter

### PLAYER

PLAYER	TALLY
8. Grace Hamilton ©	try
7. Leilani Nathan	
6. Loretta Mailangi	
5. Sera Naiqama	
4. Ana-Lise Sio	
3. Bridie O’Gorman	
2. Katalina Amosa	try
1. Brianna Hoy	
Res: 21. Iliseva Batibasaga	try
Res: 23. Maya Stewart	try



## MATCH 6 V FIJIANA DRUA WOMEN

SUNDAY 30.4.2023 AT CONCORD OVAL (SUPER W SEMI FINAL)

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN 17

D Miller, M Stewart, A Talakai tries; D Miller goal

## FIJIANA DRUA WOMEN 20

V Arei 2, S Rasolea tries; L Tisolo goal, pen.goal

### PLAYER

15. Caitlyn Halse  
14. Maya Stewart  
13. Jade Sheridan  
12. Georgina Friedrichs  
11. Desiree Miller  
10. Ella Ryan  
9. Layne Morgan

### TALLY

try  
  
  
  
try, goal

### PLAYER

8. Piper Duck ©  
7. Fi Jones  
6. Grace Hamilton  
5. Sera Naiqama  
4. Leilani Nathan  
3. Bridie O'Gorman  
2. Adiana Talakai  
1. Emily Robinson

### TALLY

try

### RESERVES

16. Katalina Amosa for Talakai after 47 mins  
20. Loretta Mailangi for Jones after 51 mins  
19. Rosie Ebbage for Naiqama after 57 mins  
17. Brianna Hoy for Robinson after 58 mins  
23. Jacinta Windsor for Halse after 70 mins  
18. Georgia Chapple Not Used  
21. Tatum Bird Not Used  
22. Claudia Meltzer Not Used

Referee: Amber McLachlan

# 2023 NSW WARATAHS WOMEN'S AWARDS

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN ROOKE OF THE YEAR

Leilani Nathan

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN BEST FORWARD

Fi Jones

## NSW WARATAHS WOMEN BEST BACK

Layne Morgan

## WARATAHS WOMENS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Piper Duck



Photo: NSW Rugby Media

# 2023 NSW WARATAHS WOMEN'S MILESTONES

## DEBUTANTS

Rosie Ebbage v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Caitlyn Halse v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Ella Ryan v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Katalina Amosa v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Desiree Miller v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Jade Sheridan v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Leilani Nathan v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Bronte Wilson v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Georgia Chapple v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)  
Claudia Meltzer v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)  
Brittany Merlo v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)  
Jacinta Windsor v ACT Brumbies (GIO Stadium)  
Brooke McKinnon v Melbourne Rebels (AAMI Park)

## SUPER W RECORDS

### 20 NSW Caps

Bridie O'Gorman v Fijiana Drua (Concord Oval – Semi Final)

### 10 NSW Tries

Grace Hamilton v Melbourne Rebels (AAMI Park)

### 20 NSW Tries

Maya Stewart v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

### 50 NSW Points

Grace Hamilton v Melbourne Rebels (AAMI Park)

## 100 NSW Points

Maya Stewart v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

## Individual Super W Records set in 2023

Grace Hamilton most caps (29)

Emily Robinson 2nd most caps (26)

Iliseva Batibasaga 3rd most caps (25)

Katrina Barker 4th most caps (24)

Bridie O'Gorman 5th most caps (20)

Sera Naiaqama equal 6th most caps (19) with Emily Chancellor

Fi Jones & Layne Morgan equal 8th most caps (18)

Maya Stewart & Georgina Friedrichs equal 10th most caps (17) with Eva Karpani & Ana-Lise Sio

Maya Stewart most caps as Wing (16)

Adiana Talakai most caps as Hooker (15)

Grace Hamilton 4th most tries (10)

Grace Hamilton 6th most points (50)

Piper Duck and Margot Vella equal most career tries v Western Force (2)

Ella Ryan most career conversions v Western Force (4)

Piper Duck and Margot Vella equal most career points v Western Force (10)

Maya Stewart most career tries v ACT Brumbies (6)

Maya Stewart most career points v ACT Brumbies (30)

Desiree Miller most career conversions v Fijiana Drua (4)

Desiree Miller most career points v Fijiana Drua (18)

Caitlyn Halse youngest on debut (16y 6m 6d) v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

Bronte Wilson 3rd youngest on debut (16y 8m) v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

Georgia Chapple 9th youngest on debut (18y 9m 7d) v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

Piper Duck 6th captain v Western Force (Allianz Stadium)

Grace Hamilton most matches as captain (13)

Grace Hamilton most wins as captain (11)

Piper Duck youngest NSW captain (21y 11m 22d)

## Team Super W Records set in 2023

Highest score v Western Force (43)

Biggest win v Western Force (43-0 at Allianz Stadium)

Biggest win v Fijiana Drua (31-5 at Concord Oval)

## TEAM SUPER W RECORDS SET IN 2023

Most tries in a match (11) v Melbourne Rebels (Sydney Cricket Ground)

Most tries in a match v Queensland (8) at Eric Tweeddale Stadium

Most tries in a season (41)

Most conversions in a season (21)

Most points in a season (247)

Highest score (67) v Melbourne Rebels (Sydney Cricket Ground)

Equal biggest win (67-10) v Melbourne Rebels (Sydney Cricket Ground)  
with 57-0 v Melbourne Rebels in 2018

Biggest win v Queensland (46-0) at Eric Tweeddale Stadium

Equal most regular season wins (4) with 2018, 2019 & 2020

100 Tries since 2018

50 Conversions since 2018

First match v Fijiana Drua (Cbus Stadium)



Photo: NSW Rugby







# COMMUNITY REPORT

# NSW COMMUNITY RUGBY

Community rugby was in full swing in 2023 as we experienced our first year without Covid or extreme wet weather interruptions or restrictions.

Traditional club XV player numbers increased by two percent compared to 2022, with regular school's XV participation remaining steady. Pleasingly our club participation numbers have almost returned to pre-Covid levels (within 1%). Individual engagement with the sport has declined since Covid and there are fewer matches played per person which is placing a strain on clubs trying to field the requisite number of teams. Rugby, like all team sports must continue to evolve to ensure that we cater to the needs of the modern player, and this includes exploring tactics such as shorter seasons, pay as you go and timing of games.

Female participation continues to be the shining light of community rugby in NSW with numbers increasing at all levels and across all formats at club and school. 8,147 school students participated in a five-week Get into Rugby Program (which marked a 27% increase). Regular school 7s competitions more than doubled to 4,186 participants reaching a record high while a new catholic secondary schools competition attracted over 1,500 players. Our accredited coaching numbers also increased to 3,100 and there are now almost 900 referees across the state.

We were saddened by the sudden loss of Robin Timmins, a former colleague of 48 years, Life Member and pioneer of women in rugby. I was honoured to deliver one of the eulogies at her funeral. Robin's wonderful service to the game was evidenced through a long list of accolades including a Medal of the Order of Australia and World Rugby Development Award, Life Membership of NSW Rugby Union (NSWRU), the NSW Rugby Referees Association and Sydney West Referees Association. Robin was Australia's first female referee and a devotee of the Wallabies, NSW Waratahs, Eastwood Rugby Club and referees. She will be sorely missed by the rugby community.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Andrew Wisemantel. Andrew was a legend of schoolboy rugby and held administration and coaching positions with NSW Schools, ISA and Oakhill College.

As part of the Rugby World Cup 2027 legacy program, we joined forces with Rugby Australia (RA) on a club development officer initiative to provide assistance with club and zone development. To complement this, NSWRU worked with RA and The Rugby Club Foundation to develop an online resource clubhub.rugby to provide best practise resources for staff and clubs at the click of a button. Both initiatives will continue to expand over the coming years.

At the beginning of the season, RA, NSWRU, NSW Suburban Rugby and Sydney Rugby Union worked together to integrate the front-end registration systems of Fusesport and Rugby Xplorer. This seamless transition should not be underestimated and now provides a truly national registration system. All parties should be congratulated for their work to achieve this.

35 of our top female rugby volunteer ambassadors from across NSW were invited to attend the inaugural Her Sport Her Way Women on Board Conference, funded by an Office of Sport grant which aimed to upskill and arm participants with the latest trends and techniques that could be imparted on clubs and zones. The women were guests of the Union for the Chiefs game and attended several workshops and presentations. Thanks to Katrina Rathie, Amy Perrett and Kerry Chikarovski for appearing at the panel discussion.

With a view to safety, NSWRU took the lead and agreed with RA to introduce a lowering of the tackle height for the 2024 season. Research showed that such a move lowers the risk of concussion 4.2 times. We look forward to rolling out education to all stakeholders across the 2024 pre-season.

In an effort to improve NSWRU's profile and highlight the many and varied activities that are undertaken year-round, NSWRU employed a dedicated Community Media Coordinator to manage the newly created and dedicated NSW Rugby digital channels. There is much work to be done in this area however NSWRU's digital following increased by 20% across the year.

With Covid behind us, player appearances doubled to 600 hours and the Sydney Junior Club Blitz once again proved popular with over 40 clubs visited. This was complimented by a Country Blitz with players visiting Western Plains, Central West, Far North Coast and Illawarra.

The NSWRU community team continues to expand following the success of the Positive Rugby Foundation's fundraising efforts. I offer my sincere thanks to the community group for their commitment and dedication to their jobs. Their passion for the game is evident in their work ethic and the rugby community thanks you for your efforts.

Thanks to The Rugby Club Foundation (TRCF) for its continued support of the NSW Development Officer Program, which sees Development Officers appointed in the Mid North Coast, Far North Coast, Illawarra and Sydney regions. TRCF provided over \$500,000 in support across 25 grassroots initiatives throughout 2023. This generous support ensures a wide variety of new initiatives are undertaken to grow the game and ensure costs are kept to a minimum.

Thanks to all the volunteers including the coaches, club administrators, referees, referee coaches, match officials as well as affiliate committees who strive to ensure that everyone has access to rugby in



**Mark Green**  
GM  
Community

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

- Rugby streaming -
  - Over 1,600 games were streamed across NSW including Sydney Rugby Union, NSW Suburban, Country Championships and club matches, Junior Championships and representative fixtures, schools and women's matches.
- 20 participants completed the Level 3 Emerging Coach Talent Program and an additional 25 coaches started their Level 3 journey in October.
- SmartRugby coaching was at record levels with over 90% compliance.
- NSW Rugby stepped in to save the Byron Bay 7s offering financial backing and administrative assistance.
- All registered junior players once again received complimentary membership to all NSW Waratahs home games. The \$100 NSW Government Active Kids Voucher was a welcome relief for families using it to offset their junior registrations.
- Over 40 Free School Holiday Camps were undertaken in the Central West, Western Plains and Central North.
- NSW Rugby Union U13, U15 and U17s 7s State Championships were held in Forster in October.
- NSW Rugby was a winner and finalist in the Sport NSW Awards:
  - Winner – SJRU Pacifica Tournament Winner of the Inclusive Achievement Event of the Year
  - Finalist – NSW Rugby TV Innovation of the Year
  - Finalist – Jack Canning Young Coach of the Year
  - Finalist – Bernard Tuimau Volunteer Director of the Year
- Over 80 coach and match official courses were held across the state.



# COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	BY THE NUMBERS	WINNERS
<b>State 7s Championships (13s, U15s and U17s boys and girls)</b>	+80 teams	U13 Girls: Manly U13 Boys: Gordon U15 Girls: Manly U15 Boys: Warringah U17 Girls: Sydney University U17 Boys: Manly
<b>State Junior Championships</b>	187 teams	U12 Boys: Penrith U13 Boys: Two Blues U14 Boys: Northern Suburbs U14 Girls: Central Coast U15 Boys: Two Blues U16 Boys: Gordon U16 Girls: Two Blues U18 Boys: Randwick U18 Girls: Penrith
<b>NSW Country Championships</b>	20 teams	Caldwell Cup: Central West Richardson Shield: Hunter Thomson Cup: Hunter Rowland Cup Colts: Central Coast



COMPETITION	BY THE NUMBERS	WINNERS
Suburban Finals	17 Cups	Kentwell Cup: Blue Mountains
Sydney Women's Rugby	8 teams	Jack Scott Cup: Eastern Suburbs
Sydney Rugby Union	7 Cups	Shute Shield: Randwick
Primary and Secondary School 7s	Zone Gala Days only due to Covid	PSSA: Catherine McAuley PS (Orange) 16s Girls: Hunter Sports HS 16s Boys: St John Paul College Coffs Harbour U18s Girls: Hunter Sports HS U18 Boys: St Stanislaus College Bathurst
NSW Schools 16s Champions		Presidents XV
Waratah Shield		Central Coast Grammar



# COUNTRY RUGBY UNION RESULTS

## **Central Coast**

Premier 1 - Avoca Beach  
Premier 2 - Terrigal  
Presidents Cup - Razorbacks  
Women's 10's – Terrigal

## **Central North**

1st Grade – Moree Bulls 1st XV  
2nd Grade – Moree Bulls 2nd XV  
Women's 10's – Narrabri Blue Boars

## **Central West**

### Blowes Cup

1st Grade – Bathurst Bulldogs  
2nd Grade – Bathurst Bulldogs  
3rd Grade – Bathurst Bulldogs  
Colts – Dubbo Kangaroos  
Westfund Ferguson Cup (Women) – Dubbo Kangaroos

### New Holland

1st Grade – Parkes  
2nd Grade – Narromine  
Westfund North Cup (Women) – Mudgee  
Southwest Fuels Cup – Young  
Westfund Southwest Cup (Women) – Temora  
Oils Plus North Cup – Wellington

## **Far North Coast**

1st Grade – Wollongbar Alstonville  
2nd Grade – Byron Shire Rebels  
Presidents Cup – Richmond Range  
Women's Division – Casuarina Beach

## **Hunter**

Premier 1 – Maitland RUFC  
Premier 2 – Wanderers RUFC  
Premier 3 – Southern Beaches RUFC

Women's XVs – Wanderers RUFC  
Divisional – Nelson Bay RUFC Suburban  
Friday Night 4's - University of Newcastle RUC

### **Illawarra**

1st Grade - Shoalhaven  
2nd Grade – Avondale

### **Mid North Coast**

#### Upper MNC

1st Grade – Port Pirates  
Women's 10's – Port Pirates  
Men's Reserves – Coffs Harbour Snappers

#### Lower MNC

1st Grade – Wauchope Thunder  
Women's 10's – Gloucester Cockatoos

### **New England**

1st Grade – St Albert's College  
2nd Grade – Glen Innes Elks  
3rd Grade – Tamworth Magpies  
Women's XV – St Albert's College

### **Western Plains**

1st Grade – Warren Pumas  
Women's Tag – Walgett Ewes



# SYDNEY RUGBY UNION RESULTS

## GRAND FINALS

**3rd September 2022**

**Leichhardt Oval**

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Sydney University 26 Gordon 19

Colin Caird Shield

Sydney University\* 21 Eastern Suburbs 25

W McMahon Shield

Eastern Suburbs 20 Manly 18

## PRELIMINARY FINALS

**28th August 2022**

**Pittwater Rugby Park**

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Sydney University 10 Eastwood 9

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Northern Suburbs\* 13 Gordon 23

Colin Caird Shield

Eastern Suburbs 31 Eastwood 21

Colin Caird Shield

Sydney University 28 Randwick 21

**28th August 2022**

**Coogee Oval**

W McMahon Shield

Randwick 17 Eastern Suburbs 21

**28th August 2022**

**Pittwater Rugby Park**

W McMahon Shield

Manly 23 Eastwood 12

## SEMI FINALS

### 20th August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Colin Caird Shield

### 21st August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Colin Caird Shield

### 20th August 2022

W McMahon Shield

### 21st August 2022

W McMahon Shield

### North Sydney Oval

Manly 26 Eastwood 32

Northern Suburbs 17 Eastwood 27

### Coogee Oval

Randwick 23 Gordon 24

Randwick 32 Manly 29

### Pittwater Rugby Park

Eastern Suburbs 39 Gordon 14

### SUFC No 2

Sydney University\* 15 Eastwood 30

## QUALIFYING FINALS

### 13th August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

W McMahon Shield

### 13th August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

W McMahon Shield

### 13th August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Colin Caird Shield

### 13th August 2022

W McMahon Shield

### 14th August 2022

Charter Hall Shute Shield

Colin Caird Shield

### 14th August 2022

Colin Caird Shield

Colin Caird Shield

W McMahon Shield

### North Sydney Oval

Northern Suburbs 34 Manly 27

Warringah 18 Gordon 26

### SUFC No 2

Sydney University 31 Randwick 29

Sydney University 17 Randwick 21

### Eric Tweedale Stadium

Eastwood 36 Eastern Suburbs 23

Two Blues 24 Eastwood 31

### Coogee Oval

Eastern Suburbs 15 Manly 17

### Pittwater Rugby Park

Warringah 20 Gordon 36

Eastern Suburbs 39 Randwick 24

### Chatswood Oval

Manly 26 Gordon 18

Sydney University 66 Northern Suburbs 12

Eastwood 43 West Harbour 10

\* Minor Premiers

# SYDNEY RUGBY UNION RESULTS

## Grand Finals

### 26 August Leichhardt Oval

Charter Hall Shute Shield	Northern Suburbs *15	Randwick 17
Colin Caird Shield	Manly 24	Sydney University 38
Henderson Shield	Randwick * 33	Eastwood 28
Henderson Cup	Randwick *34	Manly 7

## Preliminary Finals

### 19th August North Sydney Oval

Charter Hall Shute Shield	Randwick 38	Eastwood 20
Charter Hall Shute Shield	Northern Suburbs 23	Manly 5

### 19th August Pittwater Rugby Park

Henderson Cup	Randwick 54	Southern Districts 5
Henderson Cup	Manly 17	Sydney University 12

### 20th August Concord Oval

Colin Caird Shield	Randwick 38	Manly 41
Colin Caird Shield	Sydney University 31	Gordon 7
Henderson Shield	Eastwood 24	Sydney University 22
Henderson Shield	Randwick 44	Manly 23

## Qualifying Finals

### 12th August Coogee Oval

Charter Hall Shute Shield	Randwick 32	Gordon 23
Colin Caird Shield	Randwick 62	Eastwood 28
Henderson Shield	Randwick 41	Gordon 21
Henderson Cup	Randwick 40	Gordon 17

### 12th August North Sydney Oval

Charter Hall Shute Shield	Northern Suburbs 23	Hunter Wildfires 17
Colin Caird Shield	Sydney University 41	Eastern Suburbs 24
Henderson Cup	Manly 17	Northern Suburbs 17

### 12th August Forshaw Rugby Park

Henderson Cup	Souths 22	Sydney University 24
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### 13th August T G Millner

Charter Hall Shute Shield	Eastwood 54	Manly 20
Colin Caird Shield	Manly 28	Gordon 42
Henderson Shield	Eastern Suburbs 5	Eastwood 33
Henderson Shield	Manly 10	Sydney University 20

\*MINOR PREMIERS

## **Grand Finals**

### **27th August Concord Oval**

W McMahon Shield	Warringah* 35 Sydney University 31
Shell Trophy	Warringah* 25 Eastern Suburbs 27
Bill Simpson Shield	Eastwood 15 Manly 19

## **Preliminary Finals**

### **19th August Pittwater Rugby Park**

Shell Trophy	Eastern Suburbs 29 Randwick 12
Bill Simpson Shield	Eastern Suburbs 21 Manly 23

### **20th August Pittwater Rugby Park**

W McMahon Shield	Eastwood 29 Sydney University 57
W McMahon Shield	Warringah 56 Randwick 33
Shell Trophy	Warringah 55 Eastwood 21
Bill Simpson Shield	Warringah 12 Eastwood 38

## **Qualifying Finals**

### **12th August T G Millner**

W McMahon Shield	Eastwood 34 Eastern Suburbs 34
Shell Trophy	Eastwood 24 Eastern Suburbs 32
Bill Simpson Shield	Eastwood 5 Manly 20

### **12th August Coogee Oval**

Bill Simpson Shield	Eastern Suburbs 15 Randwick 14
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### **12th August Forshaw Rugby Park**

W McMahon Shield	Sydney University 38 Randwick 10
Shell Trophy	Gordon 10 Randwick 29

### **13th August Pittwater Rugby Park**

W McMahon Shield	Warringah 46 Gordon 10
Shell Trophy	Warringah 21 Sydney University 19
Bill Simpson Shield	Warringah 47 Sydney University 10

*\*MINOR PREMIERS*

# GRADE STANDINGS

## Charter Hall Shute Shield - 1st Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Norths	18	14	0	4	539	422	117	11	67
Randwick	18	13	1	4	574	390	184	13	67
Eastwood	18	11	0	7	614	571	43	18	62
Manly	18	9	2	7	515	405	110	17	57
Gordon	18	11	0	7	503	456	47	12	56
Hunter Wildfires	18	10	0	8	509	475	34	16	56
Two Blues	18	9	0	9	536	451	85	18	54
Sydney Uni	18	9	0	9	483	521	-38	13	49
West Harbour	18	6	1	11	437	457	-20	14	40
Eastern Suburbs	18	6	0	12	455	559	-104	13	37
Warringah	18	4	0	14	423	635	-212	15	31
Souths	18	4	0	14	375	621	-246	4	20

## Colin Caird Shield - 2nd Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Randwick	18	15	1	2	615	331	284	15	77
Manly	18	13	1	4	615	469	146	18	72
Sydney Uni	18	13	0	5	515	396	119	14	66
Eastern Suburbs	18	10	1	7	529	450	79	19	61
Gordon	18	10	0	8	581	473	108	20	60
Eastwood	18	10	0	8	575	532	43	18	58
Hunter Wildfires	18	9	0	9	502	551	-49	15	51
Norths	18	7	1	10	514	470	44	17	47
Two Blues	18	7	0	11	518	612	-94	13	41
West Harbour	18	6	1	11	405	603	-198	9	35
Warringah	18	5	1	12	414	521	-107	13	35
Souths	18	0	0	18	311	686	-375	10	10



### Henderson Shield - 3rd Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Randwick	17	14	1	2	700	231	469	12	70
Manly	17	12	0	5	511	337	174	16	64
Eastern Suburbs	17	13	1	3	483	264	219	8	62
Eastwood	17	11	2	4	466	312	154	13	61
Sydney Uni	17	12	0	5	489	351	138	12	60
Gordon	17	9	0	8	404	387	17	8	44
Warringah	17	8	0	9	404	403	1	9	41
Norths	17	7	0	10	364	385	-21	11	39
West Harbour	17	5	0	12	330	463	-133	10	30
Souths	17	3	0	14	239	731	-492	4	16
Two Blues	17	1	0	16	256	586	-330	5	9

### Henderson Cup - Fourth Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Randwick	16	14	0	2	493	177	316	11	67
Souths	16	12	0	4	357	217	140	10	58
Manly	16	11	2	3	406	192	214	10	58
Norths	16	11	0	5	360	269	91	11	55
Sydney Uni	16	8	0	8	357	178	179	16	48
Gordon	16	9	1	6	328	292	36	7	45
Warringah	16	6	1	9	261	356	-95	9	35
Eastern Suburbs	16	5	1	10	278	372	-94	6	28
West Harbour	16	4	1	11	217	412	-195	7	25
Eastwood	16	4	0	12	237	437	-200	8	24

# COLT STANDINGS

## W McMahon Memorial Shield- 1st Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Warringah	18	17	0	1	856	267	589	17	85
Eastwood	18	16	0	2	943	303	640	18	82
Sydney Uni	18	14	1	3	763	363	400	17	75
Randwick	18	12	1	5	667	414	253	15	65
Eastern Suburbs	18	11	0	7	657	444	213	17	61
Gordon	18	10	1	7	592	460	132	14	56
Manly	18	6	3	9	479	553	-74	10	40
West Harbour	18	7	0	11	435	623	-188	11	39
Norths	18	5	1	12	361	803	-442	7	29
Souths	18	4	1	13	450	686	-236	11	29
Hunter Wildfires	18	2	0	16	306	780	-474	6	14
Two Blues	18	0	0	18	185	998	-813	1	1

## Shell Trophy - 2nd Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Warringah	17	14	0	3	541	186	355	10	66
Eastwood	17	13	0	4	637	226	411	13	65
Gordon	17	13	0	4	507	234	273	11	63
Randwick	17	12	0	5	557	276	281	10	58
Eastern Suburbs	17	11	0	6	546	231	315	14	58
Sydney Uni	17	11	0	6	484	241	243	13	57
Manly	17	11	0	6	529	321	208	10	54
Souths	17	5	0	12	255	532	-277	8	28
West Harbour	17	4	0	13	260	480	-220	8	24
Norths	17	3	0	14	202	815	-613	2	14
Two Blues	17	0	0	17	117	897	-780	3	3

## Bill Simpson Shield - 3rd Colts

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	BP	Pts
Warringah	16	16	0	0	569	98	471	13	77
Eastern Suburbs	16	11	0	5	456	167	289	13	57
Eastwood	16	10	2	4	424	222	202	11	55
Manly	16	10	0	6	422	182	240	14	54
Randwick	16	10	0	6	367	273	94	8	48
Sydney Uni	16	9	0	7	429	281	148	10	46
Gordon	16	8	2	6	328	242	86	9	45
West Harbour	16	7	0	9	239	367	-128	5	33
Souths	16	3	0	13	177	609	-432	5	17
Norths	16	1	0	15	80	658	-578	1	5
Two Blues	16	0	0	16	0	448	-448	0	0

# CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Gregor George Cup (Grade & Colts)

Club	Points
Randwick	2899
Eastwood	2592
Manly	2493
Sydney University	2468
Gordon	2335
Easts	2119
Norths	2022
Warringah	1952
West Harbour	1502
Wildfires	1332
Two Blues	1198
Souths	984

## Jeffrey Sayle Cup (Grade)

Club	Points
Randwick Grade	2239
Manly Grade	1983
Norths Grade	1796
Eastwood Grade	1795
Syd Uni Grade	1755
Gordon Grade	1720
Easts Grade	1465
Wildfires Grade	1248
Two Blues Grade	1183
West Harbour Grade	1130
Warringah Grade	1090
Souths Grade	692

## Eric Spilsted Cup (Colts)

Club	Points
Warringah Colts	862
Eastwood Colts	797
Sydney Uni Colts	713
Randwick Colts	660
Easts Colts	654
Gordon Colts	615
Manly Colts	510
West Harbour Colts	372
Souths Colts	292
Norths Colts	226
Wildfires Colts	84
Two Blues Colts	15

# 2023 KEN CATCHPOLE AWARDS NIGHT WINNERS

## **KEN CATCHPOLE MEDAL**

Michael Icely (Eastwood)

## **DAVID BROCKHOFF MEDAL - COACH OF THE YEAR**

Cameron Treloar (West Harbour)

## **DICK BYRES MEDAL - REFEREE OF THE YEAR**

Richard Manchee

## **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Zac Barnabas (Manly)

## **CHARTER HALL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**

Richard Maude (Norths)

## **ROSCOE FAY TROPHY - HIGHEST POINTS SCORER**

Jude Gibbs (Norths)

## **HIGHEST TRY SCORER**

Andrew Tuala (Wildfires)

## **E S MARKS SHIELD SHUTE SHIELD MINOR PREMIERS**

Northern Suburbs

## **SIR RODEN CUTLER SHIELD**

Northern Suburbs

## **GREGOR GEORGE TROPHY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Randwick

## **ERIC SPILSTED SHIELD**

Warringah

## **JEFFREY SAYLE CUP**

Randwick





# SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION RESULTS

## Inter-Divisional

Club Champions                      Cowboy Cup                      Lindfield

## Div One

Club Champions	Bruce Graham Shield	Colleagues
1st Grade	Kentwell Cup	Blue Mountains
2nd Grade	Burke Cup	Colleagues *
Colts	Barbour Cup	Forest
3rd Grade	Whiddon Cup	Waverley *
4th Grade	Judd Cup	Waverley
5th Grade	Sutherland Cup	Waverley *

## Div Two

Club Champions	Reliance Shield	Lindfield
1st Grade	Barraclough Cup	Lindfield * (undefeated)
2nd Grade	Stockdale Cup	Lindfield * (undefeated)
Colts	Robertson Cup	Newport
3rd Grade	Blunt Cup	Hills
4th Grade	Richardson Cup	Lindfield * (undefeated)

## Div Three

Club Champions	Doc Harris Shield	Beecroft
1st Grade	Clark Cup	Sydney Harbour *
2nd Grade	Farrant Cup	Beecroft *
Colts	Nicholson Cup	Easts

#### Div Four

Club Champions	Herlihy Shield	Sydney Irish
1st Grade	McLean Cup	Sydney Irish *
2nd Grade	Grose Cup	Merrylands *

#### Div Five

1st Grade	Jeffrey Cup	Burraneer * (undefeated)
For 5th - 8th placed	Meldrum Cup	Canterbury

<b>Women's 7s</b>	Joy Johnson Cup	Newport
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<b>Inter-Divisional</b>	Halligan Cup	Lindfield *
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## SYDNEY WOMEN'S RUGBY UNION RESULTS

<b>Jack Scott Cup Div 1</b>	XVs	Eastern Suburbs
<b>Jack Scott Cup Div 2</b>	10s	Burraneer Rays
<b>Jack Scott Cup Div 2</b>	7s	Burraneer Rays





# NSW POSITIVE RUGBY FOUNDATION REPORT

Photo: NSW Rugby





# NSW POSITIVE RUGBY FOUNDATION

## About the Foundation

The NSW Positive Rugby Foundation was established in 2017 as the official charity and social impact program of the NSW Rugby Union. We utilise rugby's unique values, qualities, and characteristics to make a positive difference to people and communities.

## Our Vision

Supporting the health and well-being of our communities through rugby.

We are excited to report we invested \$1.4M back into community rugby across NSW via our Rugby For Good programs. We would like to thank all our generous supporters, donors, and Government partners as none of this would have been possible without you.

We are committed to acting in the best interests of our rugby communities and supporting the strategic direction of NSW Rugby. We are focused on strong corporate governance as it is essential to protect our donors, partners, stakeholders, and our rugby communities' interests.

## Key Highlights

1. **Rugby For Good Development:** In 2023, we expanded our community rugby development programs, reaching more schools, clubs, and disadvantaged communities than ever before. Through Rugby For Good coaching clinics, school holiday camps & Rugby: Tackle Life, we have provided opportunities for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to engage with the sport of rugby.
2. **Inclusivity and Diversity:** We remain committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity within the rugby community. We have implemented initiatives to encourage greater participation including Women's Rugby, First Nations Rugby, and All Abilities Rugby.

3. **Mental Health Awareness:** Recognising the importance of mental health in overall well-being, we continue to raise awareness and provide support in the mental health space. Through partnerships with our mental health partners and the implementation of mental wellness programs – Start Talkin' & Get Talkin', we are working to break down stigma and ensure that all members of the rugby community have access to the resources they need to thrive.

4. **High-Performance Pathways:** We continue to invest in the development of talented young athletes through our high-performance pathways programs. By providing elite coaching, training camps, and educational support, we are nurturing the next generation of rugby stars and equipping them with the skills they need to succeed both on and off the field.

### **Contact Information**

For more information about the NSW Positive Rugby Foundation or to get involved, please visit our website at <https://nsw.rugby/foundation/about> or contact:

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# OBITUARIES

NSWRugbyWaratahs would like to acknowledge the following players who represented NSW Waratahs, and sadly passed away in 2023:

Tony Merrett	1 cap	1963
Rob Heming	16 caps	1958-66
Earl Flanders	1 cap	1964
Kim Tabart	2 caps	1965
John Stanbrook	8 caps	1953-58
Jack Potts	8 caps	1956-59
Ian Procter	6 caps	1967-70
Neville Plowman	2 caps	1951
Eric Tweedale	13 caps	1946-50
Alan Skinner	1 cap	1969
Norm Storey	1 cap	1962



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Photo: NSW Rugby

# *New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd*

ABN 70 000 222 711

## *Annual financial report - 31 December 2023*

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Your directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 December 2023. Throughout the report, the consolidated entity is referred to as the Group. New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd is deemed to control NSW Waratahs Limited and its subsidiary, Waratahs Rugby Pty Ltd as a result of a change in the entities constitutions with effect from 1 January 2019.

**Directors**

The following persons held office as directors of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd during the financial year:

Anthony Crawford  
John Morrison  
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**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were the organisation, development and promotion of the game of rugby union in the State of New South Wales and the business operations and management of a professional rugby union team.

**Review of operations**

The loss from ordinary activities amounted to \$4,870,780 (2022 profit: \$217,387).

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

On 14 November 2023 control of the NSW Waratahs Ltd moved from New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd ('NSWRU') to Rugby Australia Limited (RA). A Deed of Transfer was executed on this date which meant that RA assumed full responsibility for funding and managing all activities associated with the Professional Rugby Business (as defined in the Transfer Deed) from 1 January 2024.

**Event since the end of the financial year**

On 14 November 2023 control of the NSW Waratahs Ltd moved from New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd ('NSWRU') to Rugby Australia Limited (RA). A Deed of Transfer was executed on this date which meant that RA assumed full responsibility for funding and managing all activities associated with the Professional Rugby Business (as defined in the Transfer Deed) from 1 January 2024.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected the Company's operations, results, or state of affairs, or may do so in future years.

**Likely developments and expected results of operations**

With effect from 1 January 2024, the NSW Waratahs Ltd will be controlled by Rugby Australia Ltd and will therefore not be included in the Group's annual reports going forward. As such it would be inappropriate for the directors to comment on future developments of the NSW Waratahs Ltd. Further information on likely developments in the operations of the continuing Group and the expected results of operations have not been included in this annual report because of the sensitivity and confidentiality in nature which the directors believe would likely result in unreasonable prejudice to the continuing entity.

**Environmental regulation**

The Group is not affected by any significant environmental regulation in respect of its operations.

### Limited by guarantee

The Company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Company being wound up each member is liable to contribute to the debts of the Company incurred whilst they were a member or within one year from them ceasing to be member, or for the purpose of adjusting the rights of the contributors amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding \$10.

### Indemnification

Since the end of the previous financial year, the Group has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Group.

The Group has agreed to indemnify their auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to the extent permitted by law, against any claim by third party arising from the Group's breach of their agreement.

### Insurance of officers

During the financial year, New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd has paid premium in respect of directors' and officers' liability for legal expenses and insurance contracts. Such insurance contracts insure against certain liability (subject to specific exclusions) persons who are or have been directors or executive officers of the Company.

The directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the amount of the premiums paid in respect of the directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts, as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

### Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 3.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



Anthony Crawford  
Director

Sydney  
24 April 2024



## Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd and the entities it controlled during the period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah D'Arcy'.

Sarah D'Arcy  
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# New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd

ABN 70 000 222 711

## Annual financial report - 31 December 2023

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These financial statements are the consolidated financial statements consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd and its subsidiaries. A list of subsidiaries is included in note 22. The financial statements are presented in the Australian dollar (\$).

New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

David Phillips Sports Complex  
Corner of Cook and Gwea Avenue  
Daceyville NSW 2032

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities is included in the Directors' report on pages 1, which are not part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 24 April 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

**New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd**  
**Consolidated statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	3	15,524,661	18,094,919
Other income	4	2,133,694	19,172,028
Professional rugby expenses		(14,866,267)	(13,478,556)
Premiership rugby expenses		(815,488)	(926,557)
Community rugby expenses		(4,201,242)	(3,524,443)
Corporate expenses		(1,316,948)	(874,033)
Centre of Excellence expenses		-	(17,181,858)
Positive Rugby Foundation		(647,938)	(491,698)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	5	(402,699)	(633,388)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		<b>(4,592,227)</b>	156,415
Finance income	6	186,464	81,605
Finance costs	6	(465,017)	(20,633)
<b>Finance income – net</b>		<b>(278,553)</b>	60,972
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>(4,870,780)</b>	217,387
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>(4,870,780)</b>	217,387

*The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd**  
**Consolidated balance sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,162,806	7,177,668
Trade receivables	8	826,551	2,457,605
Other current assets	9	3,094,990	4,420,200
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>9,084,347</b>	14,055,473
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	48,965	39,864
Right-of-use assets	11	9,951,771	10,316,095
Intangible assets	12	63,966	73,216
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>10,064,702</b>	10,429,174
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>19,149,049</b>	24,484,647
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	11	212,194	357,827
Trade and other payables	13	1,908,241	3,048,098
Employee benefit obligations	14	433,511	680,186
Deferred revenue and other income	15	4,978,525	4,232,291
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>7,532,471</b>	8,318,402
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	11	9,904,407	9,963,322
Employee benefit obligations	14	404,946	24,919
Deferred revenue and other income	15	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>12,309,353</b>	11,988,241
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>19,841,824</b>	20,306,642
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>(692,775)</b>	4,178,005
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus	16	(692,775)	4,178,005
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>(692,775)</b>	4,178,005

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd**  
**Consolidated statement of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Accumulated surplus \$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>3,960,618</b>
Profit / (loss) for the year	217,387
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>217,387</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>4,178,005</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	4,178,005
Profit / (loss) for the year	(4,870,780)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(4,870,780)</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>(692,775)</b>

*The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd**  
**Consolidated statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	<b>Consolidated 2023 \$</b>	Consolidated 2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		<b>19,765,643</b>	28,926,932
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		<b>(23,452,899)</b>	(17,666,170)
		<b>(3,687,256)</b>	11,260,762
Interest received		<b>186,464</b>	81,605
Interest paid		<b>(465,017)</b>	(20,633)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities</b>	23	<b>(3,965,809)</b>	11,321,734
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payment for Property, plant and equipment		<b>(39,864)</b>	(12,489,244)
Payments for intangible assets		<b>(2,050)</b>	(21,749)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities</b>		<b>(41,914)</b>	(12,510,993)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from/(investments in) term deposits		<b>2,013,323</b>	(13,323)
Proceeds from investment grants		<b>184,082</b>	1,449,801
Principal elements of lease payments		<b>(204,548)</b>	(628,817)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>1,992,857</b>	807,661
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(2,014,866)</b>	(381,598)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<b>7,177,668</b>	7,559,264
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	7	<b>5,162,802</b>	7,177,667

*The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

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## 1 Summary of material accounting policies

This note provides a list of the material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are for the Group consisting of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd and its subsidiaries.

### (a) Basis of preparation

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

#### (i) *Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements*

The consolidated financial statements of the Group comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The address of the Company's registered office and principal place of business is David Phillips Sports Complex, Banks Avenue, Daceyville, NSW 2032.

#### (ii) *Historical cost convention*

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### (iii) *New standards and interpretations*

The group has applied the following standards and amendments for first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2023:

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments [AASB 1, AASB 3, AASB 9, AASB 116, AASB 137 and AASB 141].

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

## **1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(a) Basis of preparation (continued)**

#### *(iv) Going concern*

The directors believe that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate.

The Group has a prima facie going concern issue at 31 December 2023 with a total deficit equity of \$692,775 (2022: equity of \$4,178,005). The liabilities in this deficit equity include \$6,978,525 of deferred revenue which do not represent a cash liability. The net current assets of the group total \$1,551,876 (2022: \$5,737,071) including \$5,162,806 in cash resources (2022: \$7,177,668).

New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd ('NSWRU') at 31 December 2023 as a standalone company has total equity of \$2,374,002 (2022: \$2,624,690), net current assets of \$9,959,742 (2022: \$194,104) and net assets of \$2,374,002 (2022: \$2,624,690) and \$6,372,440 in cash resources (2022: \$2,399,992).

Pursuant to a Deed of Transfer dated 14 November 2023 between the NSWRU and Rugby Australia Ltd ('Transfer Deed'), Rugby Australia Ltd ('RA') took control of NSW Waratahs Ltd and therefore became responsible for funding and managing the Professional Rugby Business (as defined in the Transfer Deed) with effect from 1 January 2024. As a result of the above transfer of control, the NSW RU Group will no longer include the NSW Waratahs Limited Group, whose loss was the principle contributing factor to the Group's overall operating cashflow deficit.

As a result of the matters noted above, the directors have concluded that at the date of signing these financial statements NSWRU is able to continue as a going concern and therefore, that the Company will have sufficient funds to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

### **(b) Principles of consolidation**

#### *(i) Subsidiaries*

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd ("Company" or "parent entity") as at 31 December 2023 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these consolidated financial statements as the Company or the Group.

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity where the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.



## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (c) Foreign currency translation

#### *(i) Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars (\$), which is the Group's functional and presentation currency.

#### *(ii) Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year end exchange rates are generally recognised in profit or loss. They are deferred in equity if they relate to qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges or are attributable to part of the net investment in a foreign operation.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings are presented in the consolidated income statement within finance costs. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the consolidated income statement on a net basis within other gains/(losses).

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. For example, translation differences on non-monetary assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss and translation differences on non-monetary assets such as at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised in other comprehensive income.

### (d) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised for the major business activities using the methods outlined below.

#### *Match day tickets and memberships*

Revenue from match day tickets and memberships are measured at fair value and taken to income in the period to which it relates.

#### *Sponsorships*

Revenue from sponsorship is measured at fair value and recognised evenly on a monthly basis within the financial year to which it relates. Sponsorship advances are deferred until earned pursuant to the sponsorship agreement.

#### *Stadium rebates*

Incentives received from host stadiums for matches played are measured at fair value and taken to income in the period in which it relates.

#### *Grants*

Government and other grants recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

#### *Interest income*

Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

### (e) Income tax

The Group is exempt from income tax in accordance with the provisions of section 23(g) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*.

## **1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(f) Leases**

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each year.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- any initial direct costs, and restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise IT equipment and small items of office furniture.

#### *Variable lease payments*

Variable payment terms are used for a variety of reasons, including minimising the fixed costs base. Variable lease payments are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which the condition that triggers those payments occurs.

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (g) Impairment of assets

Assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting year.

### (h) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet.

### (i) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less loss allowance. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days. They are presented as current assets unless collection is not expected for more than 12 months after the reporting date.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance account is used when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### *Impairment of receivables*

The Group has elected to measure loss allowances on trade receivables using a life-time expected loss model. The Group has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

### (j) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the reporting year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost or revalued amounts of the assets, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives or, in the case of leasehold improvements and certain leased plant and equipment, the shorter lease term as follows:

- |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| • Team and office equipment | 4 - 5 years |
| • Motor vehicles            | 4 - 5 years |
| • Plant and equipment       | 10 years    |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting year.

## **1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(j) Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 1(g)).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in profit or loss.

### **(k) Intangible assets**

#### *(i) Trademarks*

Trademarks are shown at historical cost. Trademarks are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. They have a finite useful life and are subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. The Group amortises intangible assets with a limited useful life using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives, which is 10 years.

### **(l) Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **(m) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting year. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

### **(n) Employee benefits**

#### *(i) Short-term obligations*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the consolidated balance sheet.

#### *(ii) Other long-term employee benefit obligations*

The liabilities for long service leave and annual leave that are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. They are therefore measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period of high quality corporate bonds with terms and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## **1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the consolidated balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

### **(p) Parent entity financial information**

The financial information for the parent entity, New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd, disclosed in note 25 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except as set out below.

#### *(i) Investments in subsidiaries*

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the financial statements of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd. Dividends received from subsidiaries are recognised in the parent entity's profit or loss when its right to receive the dividend is established.

## **2 Critical estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies.

### **(a) Significant estimates and judgements**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### **(b) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Management believes that there are no areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

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### 3 Revenue from contracts with customers

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Matchday membership	1,774,542	1,318,730
Membership subscription	321,226	107,073
Sponsorship income	3,228,383	2,416,830
Licensing revenue	48,209	25,353
Corporate hospitality	230,262	122,209
RA Funding	5,998,580	6,675,023
Stadium rebates	2,091,985	3,050,451
Participation fee	1,224,415	1,229,677
Course fees and other revenue	337,058	3,149,573
<b>Total revenue from contracts with customers</b>	<b>15,254,661</b>	<b>18,094,919</b>

#### (a) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

The Group derives revenue from the transfer of goods and services over time and at a point in time as follows:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Timing of revenue recognition		
At a point in time	9,564,857	9,595,214
Over time	5,689,804	8,499,705
	<b>15,254,661</b>	<b>18,094,919</b>

#### (b) Assets and liabilities related to contracts with customers

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Current contract liabilities - deferred revenue	(1,946,714)	(1,016,400)
Non-current contract liabilities - deferred revenue	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Total contract liabilities	16 (3,946,714)	(3,016,400)

### 4 Other income

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Government grants	1,094,560	18,353,931
Non-Government grants	436,598	464,246
Positive Rugby Foundation Income	235,207	187,101
Sundry income	367,329	166,750
	<b>2,133,694</b>	<b>19,172,029</b>

## 5 Depreciation and administration expenses

		Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
<i>Depreciation</i>	Notes		
Plant and equipment	10	6,720	22,909
Right-of-use assets	11	364,323	580,105
Office equipment	10	18,764	14,952
Motor vehicles	10	1,652	5,022
		<u>391,460</u>	<u>622,988</u>
<i>Amortisation</i>			
Trademarks		11,239	10,800
Total depreciation and amortisation		<u>402,699</u>	<u>633,788</u>

## 6 Finance income and finance costs

		Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
<i>Finance income</i>			
Interest from financial assets		186,464	81,605
<b>Finance income</b>		<u>186,464</u>	<u>81,605</u>
<i>Finance costs</i>			
Interest and finance charges paid/payable		(5,917)	(5,639)
Interest expense - lease liability		(454,932)	(16,792)
Net exchange gains		(4,168)	1,798
<b>Finance costs expensed</b>		<u>(465,017)</u>	<u>(20,633)</u>
<b>Net finance income</b>		<u>(278,553)</u>	<u>60,972</u>

## 7 Cash and cash equivalents

		Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
Cash at bank		<u>5,162,806</u>	<u>7,177,668</u>

## 8 Trade receivables

		Consolidated 2023 Current \$	Consolidated 2022 Current \$
Trade receivables		920,146	2,470,873
Loss allowance		<u>(93,595)</u>	<u>(13,268)</u>
		<u>826,551</u>	<u>2,457,605</u>

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## 9 Other current assets

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Prepayments	<b>63,182</b>	170,265
Restricted cash – grants received	<b>3,031,808</b>	2,236,612
Term deposits	-	2,013,323
	<b>3,094,990</b>	4,420,200

## 10 Property, plant and equipment

	<b>Plant and equipment</b>	<b>Office equipment</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>				
Cost	293,316	344,759	26,062	664,137
Accumulated depreciation	(290,519)	(310,081)	(23,673)	(624,273)
Net book amount	<u>2,797</u>	<u>34,678</u>	<u>2,389</u>	<u>39,864</u>
<b>Year ended 31 December 2023</b>				
Opening net book amount	<u>2,797</u>	<u>34,678</u>	<u>2,389</u>	<u>39,864</u>
Additions	3,948	30,340	2,695	36,984
Depreciation charge	(6,720)	(18,764)	(1,652)	(27,136)
Closing net book amount	<u>25</u>	<u>46,254</u>	<u>3,433</u>	<u>49,712</u>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>				
Cost	297,264	375,099	28,758	701,121
Accumulated depreciation	(297,239)	(328,845)	(25,323)	(651,407)
Net book amount	<u>25</u>	<u>46,254</u>	<u>3,433</u>	<u>49,712</u>

## 11 Leases

### (a) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet

The consolidated balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>		
Buildings	<b>9,796,079</b>	10,209,719
Plant and equipment	<b>74,463</b>	106,376
Motor vehicles	<b>81,229</b>	-
	<b>9,951,771</b>	10,316,095
<b>Lease liabilities</b>		
Current	<b>212,194</b>	357,827
Non-current	<b>9,904,407</b>	9,963,322
	<b>10,116,601</b>	10,321,149



## 11 Leases (continued)

### (b) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

The consolidated income statement shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets</b>		
Buildings	251,182	466,962
Plant and equipment	31,913	31,913
Motor vehicles	81,230	81,230
	<u>364,323</u>	<u>580,105</u>
Interest expense (included in finance cost)	<u>454,601</u>	<u>16,792</u>

## 12 Intangible assets

	<b>Trademarks</b>
	\$
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	
Cost	114,614
Accumulated amortisation	(41,398)
Net book amount	<u>73,216</u>
<b>Year ended 31 December 2023</b>	
Opening net book amount	73,216
Additions	2,050
Amortisation charge	(11,239)
Closing net book amount	<u>64,027</u>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	
Cost	116,664
Accumulated amortisation	(52,637)
Net book amount	<u>64,027</u>

## 13 Trade and other payables

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	Current	Current
	\$	\$
Trade payables	167,571	1,679,917
Accrued expenses	588,085	453,798
Other payables	1,152,585	914,383
	<u>1,908,241</u>	<u>3,048,098</u>

## 14 Employee benefit obligations

	Consolidated 2023			Consolidated 2022		
	Current \$	Non- current \$	Total \$	Current \$	Non- current \$	Total \$
Annual leave	433,511	-	433,511	379,502	-	379,502
Long service leave	-	404,946	404,945	300,684	24,919	325,603
<b>Total employee benefit obligations</b>	<b>433,511</b>	<b>404,946</b>	<b>838,457</b>	<b>680,186</b>	<b>24,919</b>	<b>705,105</b>

### (a) Leave obligations

The leave obligations cover the Group's liability for long service leave and annual leave, which are classified as either other long-term benefits or short-term benefits.

The current portion of this liability includes all of the accrued annual leave, the unconditional entitlements to long service leave where employees have completed the required year of service and also for those employees who are entitled to pro-rata payments in certain circumstances.

## 15 Deferred revenue and other income

	Consolidated 2023			Consolidated 2022		
	Current \$	Non- current \$	Total \$	Current \$	Non- current \$	Total \$
<b>Deferred revenue from contracts with customers</b>						
Stadium rebates received in advance	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Sponsorship income received in advance	1,266,500	-	1,266,500	330,695	-	330,695
Membership subscriptions in advance	680,214	-	680,214	685,705	-	685,705
	<b>1,946,714</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>3,946,714</b>	<b>1,016,400</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>3,016,400</b>
<b>Other income</b>						
Grants received in advance*	1,751,302	-	1,751,302	1,037,102	-	1,037,102
Donations received in advance	330,481	-	330,481	250,378	-	250,378
Other	950,027	-	950,027	1,928,411	-	1,928,411
	<b>3,031,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,031,811</b>	<b>3,215,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,215,891</b>
<b>Total deferred income</b>	<b>4,978,525</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>6,978,525</b>	<b>4,232,291</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>6,232,291</b>

\* Grants received in advance primarily relate to Centre of Excellence grant.

## 16 Accumulated surplus (deficit)

Movements in accumulated surplus were as follows:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Balance 1 January	<b>4,178,004</b>	3,960,617
Net profit/(loss) for the year	<b>(4,870,780)</b>	217,387
Balance 31 December	<b>(692,775)</b>	4,178,004

## 17 Remuneration of auditors

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

### (a) PwC

#### (i) Audit and other assurance services

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Audit and review of financial statements	<b>89,700</b>	84,100
Other assurance services	-	-
Other non-recurring services	-	-
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	<b>89,700</b>	84,100

## 18 Commitments

### (a) Player remuneration commitments

Commitments for the payment of salaries and other remuneration under long-term player contracts in existence at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Within one year	<b>5,616,738</b>	5,406,149
Later than one year but not later than five years	<b>4,335,840</b>	2,885,933
	<b>9,952,578</b>	8,292,082

### (b) Lease commitments:

The Group and UNSW have entered into a collaboration and ground lease agreement, with both parties agreeing to provide benefits in kind and cash contributions. The extent of cash payments will be agreed on an annual basis.

#### *Non-cancellable operating leases*

From 1 January 2019, the Group has recognised right-of-use assets for these leases, except for short-term and low-value leases. Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	<b>Consolidated 2023</b>	Consolidated 2022
	\$	\$
Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:		
Within one year	<b>95,992</b>	-

## 19 Contingencies

The Group had no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2023 (2022: nil).

## 20 Related party transactions

### (a) Key management personnel compensation

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total key management personnel compensation	<b>1,703,427</b>	1,614,538

### (b) Transactions with other related parties

The Group conducts numerous transactions with Rugby Australia Limited in the normal course of the administration of the game of Rugby Union in the State of New South Wales. Under an agreement with Rugby Australia Limited, the annual grants to the Group were \$5,998,580 in the period of 31 December 2023 (2022: \$6,675,023).

## 21 Interests in subsidiaries

### (a) Material subsidiaries

The group's principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2023 are set out below. The country of incorporation or registration is also their principal place of business.

Name of entity	Place of business/ country of incorporation	Ownership interest held by	
		the group	
		2023	2022
		%	%
NSW Waratahs Limited	Australia	-	-
Waratahs Rugby Pty Ltd	Australia	<b>100%</b>	100%

At 31 December 2023 and throughout the year, New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd controls NSW Waratahs Ltd and its subsidiary as it has the right to variable returns and the power to direct those returns.

## 22 Events occurring after the reporting period

On 14 November 2023 control of the NSW Waratahs Ltd moved from New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd ('NSWRU') to Rugby Australia Limited (RA). A Deed of Transfer was executed on this date which meant that RA assumed full responsibility for funding and managing all activities associated with the Professional Rugby Business (as defined in the Transfer Deed) from 1 January 2024.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected the Group's operations, results, or state of affairs, or may do so in future years.

## 23 Cash flow information

### Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>(4,870,780)</b>	217,387
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	402,699	633,388
Finance costs - net	-	-
Centre of Excellence expenses	-	17,181,858
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	1,738,137	(1,682,894)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(2,115,452)	1,565,773
Increase in deferred revenue and other income	746,235	(6,518,923)
Increase in provisions	133,352	(74,854)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>(3,965,809)</u>	<u>11,321,734</u>

## 24 Parent entity financial information

### (a) Summary financial information

The individual financial statements for the parent entity, New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd, show the following aggregate amounts:

	Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
Balance sheet		
Current assets	7,025,047	7,833,460
Non-current assets	9,959,742	196,104
Total assets	<u>16,984,790</u>	<u>8,029,564</u>
Current liabilities	4,706,381	5,104,874
Non-current liabilities	9,904,407	300,000
Total liabilities	<u>14,610,787</u>	<u>5,404,874</u>
Net assets	<u>2,374,002</u>	2,624,690
Accumulated surplus	2,374,002	2,624,690
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	<u>(250,688)</u>	1,070,181
<b>Total comprehensive surplus (deficit)</b>	<u>(250,688)</u>	1,070,181

### (b) Contingent liabilities of the parent entity

The parent entity did not have any contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2023 or 31 December 2022.

**New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd  
Directors' declaration  
31 December 2023**

In the Directors' opinion:

(a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 24 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) complying with Accounting Standards - General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and

(ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the financial period ended on that date, and

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Anthony Crawford  
Director  
Sydney  
24 April 2024



## Independent auditor's report

To the members of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd

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### Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd (the Company) and its controlled entities (together the Group) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### What we have audited

The Group financial report comprises:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2023
- the consolidated statement of profit and loss and comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- the directors' declaration.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon through our opinion on the financial report.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.





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### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

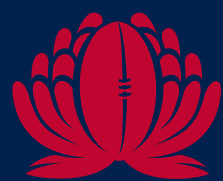
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